

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on March 6, 2007  
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Duane Ankney, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Hal Jacobson, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)  
Rep. Gary Branae (D)  
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)  
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. William J. Jones (R)  
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)  
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)  
Rep. Alan Olson (R)  
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)  
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Mary Caferro  
Rep. Sue Dickenson  
Rep. Scott Sales

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Dee Barfknecht, Committee Secretary  
Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: SB 10, SB 11, SB 35, SB 47  
Executive Action: SB 35, SB 11, SB 47, SB 10

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**HEARING ON SB 35**

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**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:52 Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 35, Include state as member of statewide mutual aid system.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:36 Dan McGowan, Montana Homeland Security Advisor

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:06:10 Sen. Tropila

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**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 35**

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00:08:29 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **SB 35 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Caferro, Dickenson, Wilmer, Sales and Barrett voted by proxy. Rep. Hendrick will carry the bill.

00:09:28 Break

00:19:43 Reconvene

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**HEARING ON SB 47**

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**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:19:54 Sen. John Esp (R), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 47, Clarify sponsor notification for administrative rules.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:22:24 Rep. Henry  
00:22:29 Sen. Esp  
00:23:06 Rep. Phillips  
00:24:11 Sen. Esp  
00:24:15 Rep. Phillips  
00:25:15 Sen. Esp

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:25:37 Sen. Esp.

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**HEARING ON SB 11**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:25:54 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 11, PERS exemption for legislative session staff.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:27:52 Kim Flatow, Bureau Chief, Public Employees Retirement System

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:28:25 Rep. Barrett  
00:28:41 Ms. Flatow

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:29:03 Sen. Cocchiarella

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**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 11**

00:30:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Olson moved that **SB 11 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Dickenson, Caferro and Sales voted by proxy. Chairman Himmelberger will carry the bill.

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**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 47**

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00:31:53 **Motion:** Rep. McNutt moved that **SB 47 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:32:18 Rep. Barrett

00:32:51 Rep. McNutt

00:33:22 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 47 BE CONCURRED IN** carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Dickenson, Caferro and Sales voted by proxy. Rep. Ankney will carry the bill. Standing Committee report not released pending further action. On March 28, 2007 the Standing Committee Report was released. It is included in this set of minutes.

00:35:12 Break

01:59:52 Reconvene

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**HEARING ON SB 10**

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**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:00:03 Sen. Dan Harrington (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 10, Revise travel reimbursement for legislators.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:02:33 Sen. Harrington

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**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 10**

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02:03:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Olson moved that **SB 10 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Dickenson, Caferro and Sales voted by proxy. Rep. Wilmer will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

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DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([sth47aad.pdf](#))**